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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

NEVERMANN, et al.

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For: AGENT FOR REPELLING AND INACTIVATING PATHOGENIC
ORGANISMS OF PLANTS

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September 23, 2002

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002 and in connection with the
above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 11-22 as follows.

11. (Twice amended) A disinfecting agent for combating and inactivating
phytopathogenic organisms that are present on plants and on hard surfaces surrounding
the plants, said agent comprising at least one anionic surfactant, at least one aliphatic
carboxylic acid, at least one aromatic carboxylic acid, and mono-, di- and/or triglycols, in
aqueous or aqueous-alcoholic solution, wherein said agent, when contacted with
phytopathogenic organisms present on plants or on hard surfaces, kills or inactivates the